IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original): A file creation method which creates a program-addition file for adding a program to a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus, comprising the steps of:

acquiring identification information of the program-initiation recording medium; and

creating a program-addition file in response to the identification information so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

2. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The file creation method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting the program-addition file to the information processing apparatus via a network.

3. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The file creation method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of storing the program-addition file in a program-addition recording medium which is used for the addition of the program to the program-initiation recording medium.

4. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The file creation method according to claim 1, wherein, in the acquiring step, the identification information is acquired from a predetermined information provider device.

5. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The file creation method according to claim 1, wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the

program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that

starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-

addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

6. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The file creation method according to claim 5,

wherein the creating step comprises:

acquiring the program file, the electronic signature of the program file, and the

configuration file; and

creating a second electronic signature of the configuration file based on the

identification information of the program-initiation recording medium and the acquired

configuration file.

7. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The file creation method according to claim 6,

wherein the program file, the electronic signature of the program file, and the configuration

file are acquired from a predetermined information provider device.

8. (Original): A server which creates a program-addition file for adding a program to

a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus, comprising:

an identification-information acquisition unit acquiring identification information of

the program-initiation recording medium; and

a file creation unit creating a program-addition file in response to the identification

information, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is

allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation

recording medium.

9. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The server according to claim 8, further comprising a file transmitting unit transmitting the program-addition file to the information processing apparatus via a network.

10. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The server according to claim 8, further comprising a file transmitting unit transmitting the program-addition file to a computer terminal in which the program-addition file is stored in a program-addition recording medium.

11. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The server according to claim 8, wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

12. (Original): A computer terminal which stores a program-addition file in a program-addition recording medium, the program-addition file being used to add a program to a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus, the computer terminal comprising:

an information transmitting unit transmitting, to a server, information required to acquire identification information of the program-initiation recording medium;

a file receiving unit receiving, from the server, a program-addition file which is created by the server in response to the identification information so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium; and

a file storing unit storing the received program-addition file into the program-addition

recording medium.

13. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The computer terminal according to claim 12, wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

14. (Original): A computer-readable recording medium storing a program embodied therein for causing a computer to execute a file creation method which creates a program-addition file for adding a program to a program-initiation recording medium of an information processing apparatus, the file creation method comprising:

acquiring identification information of the program-initiation recording medium; and

creating a program-addition file in response to the identification information so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

15. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The computer-readable recording medium according to claim 14, wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

16. (Original): An information processing apparatus which adds a program to a

program-initiation recording medium by using a program-addition recording medium in which a program-addition file for adding the program to the program-initiation recording medium is stored, the information processing apparatus comprising:

a recording-medium detection unit detecting the program-addition recording medium in which the program-addition file is recorded; and

a program addition unit performing an authentication check of the program-addition file read from the program-addition recording medium, and adding the program to the program-initiation recording medium according to a result of the authentication check.

17. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The information processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein, when there are two or more program-initiation recording mediums, the program addition unit displays a screen to select one of the program-initiation recording mediums, and adds the program to the selected program-initiation recording medium.

18. (Currently Amended): [[A]] The information processing apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.

19. (Original): A program addition system comprising:

a server which creates a program-addition file for being stored in a program-addition recording medium; and

an information processing apparatus which adds a program to a program-initiation recording medium by using the program-addition recording medium,

wherein the server is configured to acquire identification information of the program-initiation recording medium, and to create a program-addition file in response to the identification information, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium,

wherein the information processing apparatus is configured to detect the program-addition recording medium in which the program-addition file is recorded, to perform an authentication check of the program-addition file read from the program-addition recording medium, and to add the program to the program-initiation recording medium according to a result of the authentication check.

20. (Original): A program addition system comprising:

a server which creates a program-addition file for being stored in a program-addition recording medium; and

an information processing apparatus which adds a program to a program-initiation recording medium by using the program-addition recording medium,

wherein the server is configured to acquire identification information of the program-initiation recording medium, and to create a program-addition file in response to the identification information, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium,

wherein the information processing apparatus is configured to receive the program-addition file from the server, to perform an authentication check of the received program-addition file, and to add the program to the program-initiation recording medium according to a result of the authentication check.

21. (Currently Amended):   [[A]] The program addition system according to claim 19, wherein the program-addition file comprises a program file, an electronic signature of the program file, a configuration file, and an electronic signature of the configuration file, so that starting of the program on the information processing apparatus is allowed by the program-addition file with the program stored in the program-initiation recording medium.